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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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does not satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112 in view of the fact that the claimed correction means is described throughout the specification, and in particular, at page 13, lines 22-24 and at page 14, lines 2-4.

New claim 27 is substantially the same as the amended version of claim 11 discussed during the interview. The examiner agreed that such an amended claim 11 would satisfy 35 U.S.C. 112. Therefore, even if claim 11 is rejected, it is believed that, based on the discussion during the interview, no grounds exist for rejecting claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. 112.

CONCLUSION

Each issue raised in the Office Action dated June 30, 2005, has been addressed, and it is believed that claims 1-27 are in condition for allowance. Wherefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-27 is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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